

AN ACT

relating to local regulation to enforce child custody orders;
authorizing a civil penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 157, Family Code, is amended by adding
Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. LOCAL REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 157.551. CIVIL PENALTY FOR INTERFERENCE WITH CHILD
CUSTODY ORDER. A municipality or county in this state may adopt an
ordinance or order that imposes a civil penalty of not more than
\$500 for engaging in conduct described by Section 25.03, Penal
Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 969 was passed by the House on May 9, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 969 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor